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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Continuation No. I

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Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed.

Continuation No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-16, 18, 19	YES
	Claims 17	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-16, 18, 19	YES
	Claims 17	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims ---	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Fig. 11 of document US 2 520 366 A shows a self adjusting vibration damping foot member 130. The foot member 130 is in the form of a vertical rod which is slidable mounted in the lower head 131 of a cylinder 132. The head 131 has a reduced extension 133 that passes through the leg 8 and has a threaded lower end to receive a nut 134 that clamps the head and the cylinder to the leg 8. The upper end of the cylinder 132 is closed by a cup shaped head 135, and the foot member 130 is pressed against the floor by a coil spring 136 that is interposed between a disk 137 engaging the lower end of the cup shaped head 135 and a piston 138 attached to the upper end of the foot member 130. The cylinder 132 is partially filled with liquid and a packing ring 139 in the head 131 held in place by a gland 140 prevents leakage of fluid through the lower head.

Document US 2 683 576 A includes a hydraulic stabilizing support with a tubular casing 14 within a piston element 18 is slidably mounted. The piston member 18 abuts a cup leather or rubber 19 which is held against the plunger 18 by spring supporting plug 21 and a spring 22.

Fig. 8 of document US 3 191 895 A includes a stabilizing leg 170 comprising an extensible cylinder 172 and a piston rod 174. One end of the piston rod 174 is directed outwardly of the cylinder 172 and has a tubular threaded portion 176 adapted to carry a pad or a foot for engaging a platform supporting surface and the opposite end of the piston rod 174 is located within the cylinder 172 and connected to a piston 178 having an O-ring seal 180 in the outer

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periphery thereof slidably engaging the inner surface of the cylinder 172 for preventing fluid leakage from the cylinder 172 across the piston 178.

Therefore all cited documents include the subject-matter of claim 17. But none of the documents shows a frictional member disposed around the piston or a rotation locking unit. Hence the subject-matters of claims 1-16, 18, 19 are new and involve an inventive step. The subject-matter of claim 17 is not new and does not involve an inventive step.

Industrial applicability is given.